

**\*AMENDMENT\***  
**COMPETITIVE**  
**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

ABERDEEN AREA INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE  
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT  
FEDERAL BUILDING, RM. 309, 115-4TH AVENUE S.E.  
ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA 57401

**ABERDEEN AREA IHS IS A SMOKE FREE ENVIRONMENT**

January 12, 2005

**This is to amend POVN# AO-DEU-05-15-WK, DATED JAN. 7, 2005, TO CORRECT:**

**SALARY: GS-101-7, \$34,149 OR  
GS-101-9, \$41,772 PER ANNUM**

**POSITION:** Substance Abuse Therapist      **LOCATION:** Aberdeen Area  
(WK9923)      Youth Treatment Center  
Wakpala, South Dakota

**SALARY:** GS-101-7, ~~\$33,074~~ or      **VACANCY NUMBER:** AO-DEU-05-15-WK-A  
GS-101-9, ~~\$40,454~~ Per Annum

**OPENING DATE:** Jan. 12, 2005      **CLOSING DATE:** Open Until Filled

Applications and related documents must be received at the above address postmarked by the closing date of this announcement. For information contact **Doris Byington** at (605) 226-7399. All applications are subject to retention; no requests for copies will be honored. FAX NUMBER: (605) 226-7668 **(NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR UNSUCCESSFUL TRANSMISSIONS)**. Applications by e-mail will be accepted. It is the responsibility of the applicant to submit a complete application.

**E-MAIL TO:** [doris.byington@ihs.gov](mailto:doris.byington@ihs.gov)

**APPOINTMENT:**  
XX Permanent  
\_\_\_ Not-To-Exceed The applicant selected for this position may be appointed to either a one year appointment or an appointment in excess of one year, depending on the status of the applicant.

**WORK SCHEDULE:**  
XX Full-Time  
\_\_\_ Part-Time  
\_\_\_ Intermittent

**MOVING:** Travel will be paid provided all legal and regulatory requirements and travel regulations are met.

**CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:**

ON-CALL \_\_\_ YES XX NO \*call-back duty is defined as irregular or occasional work performed by an employee on a day when the work was not scheduled for the employee. This will require the employee to return to his/her place of employment within the specified timeframes.

\* All applicants are required to complete the attached "Addendum to Declaration for Federal Employment Indian Health Service Child Care & Indian Child Care Worker Positions" form to determine eligibility for federal employment. **Your application may not be considered for this designated childcare worker position if you do not complete and submit this form or if you answer "Yes" to either of the two questions.**

- **Must provide AVERAGE HOURS WORKED PER WEEK on application.**

- Applicants applying for the position may be required to be immunized, for measles and rubella, if he or she provides services or has contact with patients at the service units. Persons born before 1957 are not required to take the measles vaccine or provide proof of immunity. Special consideration may be allowed to individuals who are allergic to a component of a vaccine or have a history of severe reaction to a vaccine or who are currently pregnant.

**GRADE POTENTIAL:** \_\_\_ NO XX YES to grade(s) GS-9 .

**SUPERVISORY/MANAGERIAL:** XX NO \_\_\_ YES

\*may require one year probation

THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE HAS A ZERO TOLERANCE SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY, IHS CIRCULAR NO. 95-11, IN PLACE WHICH IT DISSEMINATES TO ITS EMPLOYEES.

**WHO MAY APPLY :** Any U. S Citizen.

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:** This position serves as the Certified Drug/Alcohol Counselor/Therapist, who is part of the multi-disciplinary Treatment team within the Aberdeen Area Treatment Center (AAYRTC) provides and eclectic approach to inpatient therapy relying strongly on Traditional American Indian component and multidisciplinary team input. The team approach is applied to enable adolescent patients to successfully cope with their alcohol and other drug (AOD) dependency and related problems and to return to the community functioning at the highest possible level. The purpose of this position is to provide therapy and assistance to individuals and families in dealing with AOD abuse and related problems.

**QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:** Candidate must meet qualification standards as specified in **OPM Operating Manual** (Qualification Standards for General Schedule Positions):

**Selective Placement Factor:**

**GS-7: Level 1 Certification as a Certified Chemical Dependency Counselor**  
**GS-9: Level 2 Certification as a Certified Chemical Dependency Counselor**

**Basic Requirements:**

- A. Degree: Behavioral or social science; or related disciplines appropriate to the position.  

**OR**
- B. Combination of education and experience that provided the applicant with knowledge of one or more of the behavioral or social sciences equivalent to a major in the field.  

**OR**
- C. Four years of appropriate experience that demonstrated that the applicant has acquired knowledge of one or more of the behavioral or social sciences equivalent to a major in the field.

**GS-7:** One (1) year of specialized experience equivalent to at least the GS-5 grade level.

**GS-9:** One (1) year of specialized experience equivalent to at least the GS-7 grade level.

**Specialized Experience:** Experience that equipped the applicant with the particular knowledge, skills, abilities (KSA's) to perform successfully the duties of the position and that is typically in or related to the work of the position to be filled. To be credible, specialized experience must have been equivalent to at least the next lower grade level in the normal

line of progression for the occupation in the organization.

Your description of work experience, level of responsibility, and accomplishments will be used to determine that you meet these requirements. Applicants who meet the basic qualification requirements and selective factors described in this announcement will be further evaluated by determining the extent to which their work or related experience, education, training, awards, outside activities, and performance appraisal, etc., indicate they possess the knowledge, skills, and abilities described below. All applicants should provide clear, concise examples that show level of accomplishment or degree to which they possess the KSA's either on their application/resume or as a separate attachment. The information provided will be used to determine the "best qualified" candidates.

#### **SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE - KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES**

1. **Knowledge and training in chemical abuse/dependency to enable the incumbent to identify, diagnose, assess and treat chemically dependent patients.**
2. **Knowledge of social systems: family system and community systems and how they relate to chemical use/abuse, intervention strategies, crisis intervention, etc., in order to provide counseling to patients.**
3. **Knowledge of individual and group counseling techniques and how they apply to counseling the chemically dependent person in order to effectively counsel patients and families.**
4. **Knowledge and ability to apply chemical abuse/dependency assessment and treatment models.**
5. **Knowledge of AA, NA, Aalanon, Alateen, COA and other similar groups, their principles, steps, traditions and the ability to translate these into the Indian experience in order to treat and rehabilitate chemically dependent patients.**
6. **Ability to maintain liaison with local legal, social service agencies, health services with the above listed agencies and what impact would this have on client services.**
7. **Knowledge of preparing and delivering educational seminars to community groups or adolescent AODA topics and AODA prevention.**

**HOW TO APPLY:** Applicants must submit their applications to the Aberdeen Area Indian Health Service, Division of Personnel Management, Federal Building, RM. 309, 115-4th Avenue, S.E., Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401. **ALL APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE ALL THE APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS:**

1. Applicants may submit ONE of the following: a) OF-612, Optional Application for Federal Employment; b) SF-171, Application for Federal Employment; c) Resume; or d) any other written application format.
2. Current Performance Rating, if available.
3. If you wish to substitute appropriate education for experience, you **MUST** submit your transcripts along with your application. If your education is appropriate for the position being filled then your education may be substituted for experience.
4. For current or former Federal employees, a copy of your latest Notification of Personnel Action (SF-50B).
5. **VETERAN'S PREFERENCE CERTIFICATION:** Form DD-214 indicating discharge and or Form SF-15, claiming 10 point preference. No preference will be allowed unless a copy of the DD-214 is attached to the application.
6. **All applications for this position MUST include the attached "Addendum to Declaration for Federal Employment Indian Health Service Child Care & Indian Child Care Worker Positions" form (see attachment).**

#### **EMPLOYMENT OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES:**

IHS provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify Alice LaFontaine, Selective Placement Officer, at (605) 226-7213. The decision on granting reasonable accommodation will be on a case-by-case basis.

#### **INFORMATION REQUIRED ON RESUMES AND OTHER APPLICATION FORMATS:**

Resumes or other application formats must contain all of the information listed below in sufficient detail to enable the Personnel Office to make a determination that you have the required qualifications for the position. **Failure to include any of the information listed below may result in loss of consideration for this position. Additional information will not be solicited by this office.**

- a. Announcement Number, Title, and Grade of the job for which you are applying.
- b. Full name, mailing address (with zip code) and day/evening telephone numbers (with area codes).
- c. Social Security Number
- d. Country of citizenship
- e. Veteran's preference
- f. Highest Federal Civilian Grade held (give job series and dates held).
- g. High School - Name, City, State (with zip code), and date of diploma or GED.
- h. Colleges and Universities - Name, City, State (with zip code), majors, type and year of any degrees received (if no degree show total semester/quarter hours earned) (Attached transcripts).
- i. Work experience (paid/nonpaid)-Job title (include series and if Federal job), duties, responsibilities and accomplishments (*if you describe more than one type of work, i.e., carpentry and painting, or personnel and budget, write the approximate amount of time you spent doing each*), employer's name and address, supervisor's name and phone number, starting and ending dates (month/year), **AVERAGE HOURS WORKED PER WEEK**, and salary (beginning/ending).
- j. Indicate if we may contact your current and/or former supervisor.
- k. Job-related training courses, skills, certificates, registrations, and licenses (current only), honors, awards, and special accomplishments.

**DO NOT SUBMIT POSITION DESCRIPTIONS. All applications must be signed and dated. All material submitted for consideration under this announcement becomes the property of the Division of Personnel Management and is subject to verification. Careful consideration should be given to the information provided, fraudulent statements or any form of misrepresentation in the application process could result in loss of consideration for this position and or determination of unsuitability for Federal employment.** If position is **RE-ANNOUNCED**, please call the Division of Personnel Management as to status of application.

#### **INFORMATION FOR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (DHHS) FOR SURPLUS OR DISPLACED EMPLOYEES REQUESTING SPECIAL SELECTION PRIORITY CONSIDERATION.**

If you are currently a DHHS employee who has received a Reduction in Force (RIF) separation notice or a Certificate of Expected Separation (CES) you may be entitled to special priority selection under the DHHS Career Transition Assistance Program (CTAP). To receive this priority consideration you must:

1. Be a current DHHS career or career-conditional (tenure group I or II) or be a current IHS excepted appointment (with no time limits) tenure group II excepted/competitive service employee who has received a RIF separation notice or a CES and, the date of the RIF separation has not passed and you are still on the rolls of the DHHS. You must submit a copy of the RIF separation notice or CES along with your

- application.
2. Be applying for a position that is at or below the grade level of the position from which you are being separated. The position must not have a greater promotion potential than the position from which you are being separated.
3. Have a current (or last) performance rating of record of at least fully successful or equivalent. This must be submitted with your application package.
4. Be currently employed by the DHHS in the same commuting area (or nationwide for IHS employees GS-09 and above) of the position for which you are requesting priority consideration.
5. File your application by the vacancy announcement closing date & meet all the application criteria (e.g., submit all required documentation etc.).
6. Meet the basic qualifications for the position, any documented selective factor, physical requirements with any reasonable accommodation and is able to satisfactorily perform the duties of the position without undue interruption.

knowledge, skill and abilities are comparable to or exceed that described at the acceptable level on the crediting plan for the position to be filled.

**THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.**

**INFORMATION FOR DISPLACED EMPLOYEES REQUESTING SPECIAL SELECTION PRIORITY CONSIDERATION UNDER THE INTERAGENCY CAREER TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ICTAP).**

If you are a displaced federal employee you may be entitled to receive special priority selection under the ICTAP. To receive this priority consideration you must:

1. Be a displaced Federal employee. You must submit a copy of the appropriate documentation such as a RIF separation notice, a letter from the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) or your agency documenting your priority consideration status with your application package. The following categories of candidates are considered displaced employees.
  - A. Current or former career or career-conditional (tenure group I or II) competitive service employees who:
    1. Received a specific RIF separation notice; or
    2. Separated because of a compensable injury, whose compensation has been terminated, and whose former agency certifies that it is unable to place; or
    3. Retired with a disability and shows disability annuity has been or is being terminated; or
    4. Upon receipt of a RIF separation notice retired on the effective date of the RIF and submits a Standard Form 50 that indicates Retirement in lieu of RIF; or
    5. Retired under the discontinued service retirement option; or
    6. Was separated because he/she declined a transfer of function or directed reassignment to another commuting area.

**OR**

- B. Former Military Reserve or National Guard Technicians who are receiving a special OPM disability retirement annuity under section 8337 (h) or 8456 of Title 5 United States Code.
2. Be applying for a position at or below the grade level of the position from which you have been separated. The position must not have a greater promotion potential than the position from which you were separated.
3. Have a current (or last) performance rating of record of at least fully successful or equivalent. This must be submitted with your application package. (This requirement does not apply to candidates who are eligible due to compensable injury or disability retirement).
4. Occupy or be displaced from a position in the same local commuting area of the position for which you are requesting priority consideration.
5. File your application by the vacancy announcement closing date & meet all the application criteria (e.g., submit all required documentation, etc.).
6. Eligible applicants will be considered "well qualified" if their documented experience,

**Addendum to Declaration for Federal Employment (OF 306)**  
**Indian Health Service**  
**Child Care & Indian Child Care Worker Positions**

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**Item 15a. Agency Specific Questions**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print)

**Social Security Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Job Title in Announcement:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Announcement Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

Section 231 of the Crime Control Act 1990, Public Law 101-647, requires that employment applications for Federal child care positions contain a question asking whether the individual has ever been arrested for or charged with a crime involving a child and for the disposition of the arrest or charge.

Section 408 of the Miscellaneous Indian Legislation, Public Law 101-630, contains a related requirement for positions in the Department of Health and Human Services that involve regular contact with or control over Indian children. The agency must ensure that persons hired for these positions have not been found guilty of or pleaded nolo contendere or guilty to certain crimes.

To assure compliance with the above laws, the following questions are added to the Declaration for Federal Employment:

- 1) Have you ever been arrested for or charged with a crime involving a child?  
YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

*[If YES, provide the date, explanation of the violation, disposition of the arrest or charge, place of occurrence, and the name and address of the police department or court involved.]*

- 2) Have you ever been found guilty of, or entered a plea of nolo contendere (no contest) or guilty to, any felonious or misdemeanor offense under Federal, State, or tribal law involving crimes of violence; sexual assault, molestation, exploitation, contact or prostitution; or crimes against persons; or offenses committed against children? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

*[If YES, provide the date, explanation of the violation, disposition of the arrest or charge, place of occurrence, and the name address of the police department or court involved.]*

I certify that (1) my response to these questions is made under penalty of perjury, which is punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 or 5 years imprisonment, or both; and (2) I have received notice that a criminal check will be conducted. I understand my right to obtain a copy of any criminal history report made available to the Indian Health Service and my right to challenge the accuracy and completeness of any information contained in the report.

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FORM APPROVED: O.M.B. NO. 0917-0028  
Expires 11/30/2005

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**Applicant's Signature (sign in ink)**

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**Date**